



For release Friday 8th October

## **Auction of work from 138 local, national and international printmakers at Umbrella Studio tonight**

Tonight Umbrella Studio is launching two of their latest exhibitions 'Compact Prints 2010' and 'Students In-case' with a fundraising event which is open to the public.

'Compact Prints 2010' is a biennial event which began in 2002 to highlight the diverse talents of printmakers in North Queensland. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year the exhibition will feature art work from 138 local, national and international printmakers from a record 18 countries.

Each artist submits two prints from the same edition which will fit into a CD case. One print is exchanged with another participating artist and the second is displayed as a part of the exhibition. Many artists also provide a third print to be auctioned tonight at a launch event.

*"The auction is an amazing opportunity to bid on some great artwork created by international as well as local artists. Two years ago some prints were sold for as little as \$10 for a limited edition artwork, to several hundred dollars for the most sought after prints,"* said Vicki Salisbury, Director of Umbrella Studio.

Funds from the auction will be used to purchase print equipment which will enable Umbrella to extend the workshops they can offer the community.

Visitors will also be able to view the 'Students In-case' exhibition which includes the work of children from 7 North Queensland schools.

The launch event is open to the public, free to attend and will be held on Friday from 7pm, Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders Street.

**Umbrella Studio - 482 Flinders Street, Townsville**

**Open 9 to 5 Mon – Fri & 9 to 1 Sunday**

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